



Announcing
The Winners
 of the
1998 Environmental Awards

Governor's Greenways and Trails
 New 1998 Award

This Year's Winners: Greenways/Conservation



East Tennessee: Co-Winners	Middle Tennessee	West Tennessee
 <i>City of Maryville</i>  <i>City of Kingsport</i>  <i>Johnson City, TN</i>	 <i>Rails to Trails Greenway Project/Ashland City, TN</i>	 <i>Recreation/Parks Department/Jackson, TN</i>

This Year's Winners: Trail Development

Individual:	Regional Trail
 <i>Robert Brown/ Tennessee Trails Association</i>	 <i>Cumberland Trail Conference/Tennessee Trails Association Breakaway Program</i>

Aquatic Resource Preservation
 New 1998 Award

This Year's Winners:




Citizen Category:	Scientific Category:
 Boone Watershed Partnership Nominated by the Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited, this multi-facted partnership seeks sustainable improvements in water quality conditions throughout Northeast Tennessee counties.	 Five Rivers R& D Council Partnership Nominated by the Agriculture Department, Non-Point Source Program. This project is acclaimed as a fantastic partnership led by enthusiastic farmers and soil conservation folks in a huge partnership of agencies to

address soil erosion in the Yellow Creek Watershed of Dickson and Houston Counties in the Western Highland Rim.

Local Civic Volunteer Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding local volunteer projects that have improved or protected the environment.

This Year's Winners:

East Tennessee	Middle Tennessee	West Tennessee
 Ijams Nature Center/Knoxville, TN A regional gem in outreach and teaching of environmental/conservation awareness.	 Kathy Dewein/ A Clarksville High School faculty member who energized community support for a four acre outdoor classroom.	 Haywood High School/ Air Force, JROTC cadets cleaned up 20 community eye sores last year as community service work supported by Brownsville City Administration.

Certificate of Merit Winners:

Margaret Pearson, Chairman, White County Beautification Committee efforts.



Richard Layhew, College Grove, TN

He energized local community scrutiny of General Smelting issues and their lead battery recycling "legacy."

The Agriculture/Forestry Stewardship Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals or firms engaged in agricultural or forestry operations that have performed long-term environmental and/or conservation practices for their land resources.

This Year's Winners:

East Tennessee	West Tennessee
 Clinch/Powell Watershed Protection Project The Partnership effort began in 1995 to assist Claiborne and Hancock County landowners in correcting soil erosion in the Clinch and Powell River Watershed.	 Tenneco Packaging - Woodlands Division Company adopted Sustainable Forestry Initiative principles, and developed management agreement with Nature Conservancy to locate and catalog special areas of biological, geological, and historic significance on their 103, 200 acres.

Certificate of Merit: **Polk County Soil Conservation District**




The District developed a unique conservation education program with teachers, parents and partnered with other

agencies (Forestry Division, Agriculture Extension and USDA).

The K-12 Environmental Awareness Award




Purpose: To recognize those schools that have incorporated environmental/conservation awareness and stewardship into their curriculum in an innovative manner. Of particular interest are those programs that go beyond the typical classroom lecture-homework format.

This Year's Elementary School Winners: (K-5)





Large 800+	Medium 400-800	Small 400 or less
 Granberry/Nashville, TN Sango/Cumberland Furnace, TN	 Avoca/Bristol, TN Sam Houston/ Maryville, TN	 Alpha/Morristown, TN Hickerson/Tullahoma, TN

Certificates of Merit: **Ellendale/Bartlett, TN** & **Munford/Covington, TN**

This Year's Middle School Winners: (6-8)

Large 800+	Medium 500-800	Small 500 or less
 Inman Paris, TN	 Coffman Lawrenceburg, TN	 Pi Beta Phi/ Gatlinburg, TN



This Year's High School Winners: (9-12)

Large (1400-1900)	Medium (1000-1400)	Small (900 or less)
 Centennial Franklin, TN	 Hillwood Nashville, TN	  Elizabethton Elizabethton, TN

The Higher Education Environmenal Stewardship Award

Purpose: To recognize institutions of higher learning that promote environmental and/or conservation stewardship.

This Year's Winner:

 Belmont University/Nashville, TN To recognize internal achievement in its campus involvement and transformation.	 University of Tennessee: Agriculture Extension Service/Knoxville, TN To recognize outreach efforts and results of Agriculture Extension across Tennessee capably led by Dr. George F. Smith, Dean of the Agriculture Extension Department.
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Certificate of Merit: Conservation College

Conducted by Natural Resources Conservation Service and UT's Agriculture Extension Service for Moore County 8th graders. Purpose was to increase student awareness for environmental concerns. Partners included Tennessee Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation District.

The Lifetime Environmental/Conservation Achievement Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have devoted a working lifetime of effective and valuable service to Tennessee's environmental protection and/or conservation stewardship.

This Year's Winner: Co-Winners



 <p>Mr. Robert Brown: Retired Vice-President, Third National Bank</p> <p>Nominated by Nature Conservancy, who state that "he has exhibited a pure love for natural things for almost 70 years." Board member of Nature Conservancy, Friends of Radnor Lake, Tennessee Trails Association founder and many other involvements.</p>	 <p>Dr. Patrick Doyle: Professor Biology, MTSU</p> <p>In 1972, Dr. Doyle began his public service recycling volunteer role. Results then: 9,000,000 pounds newsprint recycled, 175,000 pounds aluminum cans recycled, 1,000,000 pounds office paper recycled. These activities, plus hundreds of workshop presentations have funded 28 scholarships enjoyed by 300 students since 1972. (\$300,000 raised by volunteer efforts for scholarships).</p>
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****Note:** Henceforth, this award will be named the Robert Sparks Walker (1878-1960) Lifetime Achievement Award to posthumously recognize the pioneering drive of Mr. Walker, an attorney in Chattanooga who devoted his life, writings, and estate toward developing a public interest and appreciation for nature. UT Chattanooga's Lupton Library is currently cataloging Mr. Walker's papers, etc. for public viewing this spring.

The Service Industry/Business Stewardship Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding efforts of the service industries and businesses that have improved or protected the environment.

This Year's Winners: MIDDLE TENNESSEE / Co-Winners

 <p>Nashville Electric Service</p> <p>NES has made an extensive and formalized effort to identify and correct environmental deficiencies. All surplus power poles are now sold to an entrepreneur who has developed an environmentally sound method of cutting poles into fence posts, barn siding, and decking eliminating pole burial in demolition landfills.</p>	 <p>Renaissance Nashville Hotel</p> <p>The hotel's accomplishments are driven by a formal mandatory conservation policy and partnered training by management and employees. Substantial cost savings achieved, among others, include 40% reduction of water consumption in guest rooms saving about 1,000,000 gallons of water per year; recycling saved 52 dumpsters per year from landfill; office paper conservation reduced monthly consumption by 6 cases; lighting retrofits returned a four-fold savings over costs. This is considered a model hotel industry program of accomplishment.</p>
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Certificate of Merit Winner: M. K. Ferguson, Oak Ridge, TN

A construction management contractor to Lockheed Martin for three DOE facilities at Oak Ridge. This is a subsidiary of Morrison Knudsen which recognizes the importance of environmental protection in all aspects of its operations, and is backed by a corporate policy statement and seven years quality construction services around Oak Ridge.

The Natural Heritage Conservation Award

Purpose: This award is given to an individual or an organization for the protection and preservation of Tennessee's natural landscape and its native flora and fauna.

This Year's Winners

East Tennessee	Middle Tennessee
 <p>Flenniken Square Apartments Partnership <i>Knoxville, TN</i> This newly built complex for low-income working people provided a set-aside buffer for pathways, benches, native plants, and bird habitat. With Flenniken Partners, LLC were First Union National Bank, Ijams Nature Center, AmeriCorps Water Quality Team, Boys and Girls Club, and the Vestal Community Organization.</p>	 <p>Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc. <i>Columbia, TN</i> Glenn Springs is a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum which donated 1800 acres of tailings ponds to TWRA to manage for public fishing and wildlife/waterfowl habitat.</p>

The Governor's Award for Excellence in Hazardous Waste Management

Purpose: To be eligible, a project completed during 1997 must eliminate or reduce the source and generation of hazardous wastes. Projects which address source control resulting in the reduction or elimination of hazardous wastes are emphasized.






This Year's Winner:



The Industrial Pollution Prevention Award

Purpose: This award will recognize industrial facilities that are committed to corporate environmental stewardship and that have significantly reduced or eliminated environmental pollution sources.




This Years Winners:

East Tennessee: Co-Winners	Middle Tennessee	West Tennessee
 <p>DuPont/Chattanooga, <i>TN</i></p>  <p>General Shale Products Corporation/Johnson City, <i>TN</i></p>	 <p>Bridgestone/Firestone <i>Morrison, TN</i></p>	  <p>Tenneco Packaging <i>Counce, TN</i></p>

The Local Government Stewardship Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding local government efforts to improve or protect the environment.

This Year's Winners:

East Tennessee	Middle Tennessee
 Sevier Solid Waste, Inc. This non-profit corporation represents Sevier County and the 3 cities of Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. A national model of waste reduction and composting, this project has resulted in 65%-70% reduction in the local waste stream; probably one of the highest, if not the highest achievement rates in Tennessee.	 Central Tennessee Solid Waste Planning Board One of the better examples of planning for solid waste reduction. This volunteer board serves Cannon, Coffee, Rutherford and Warren Counties and the cities of Manchester, McMinnville, Murfreesboro and Woodbury.
West Tennessee	
 City of Germantown/Germantown Environmental Commission The City is a statewide leader in proactive and progressive municipal leadership in preparing its citizens for environmental stewardship.	

